

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE**

**OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed May 8, 2009, has been carefully reviewed and considered. In response, the Applicant submits the following:

An amended Status of Claims chart is provided beginning on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 4.